

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 2 and 13, without prejudice, and have amended claims 3 and 8 to be independent format including the elements of original claim 1. In addition, new claims 14-16 have been added. New claim 14 tracks original claim 2, and new claims 15 and 16 both track original claim 13. No new matter has been added.

As claims 3 and 8 were indicated to be allowable if amended in the foregoing manner, and all other claims depend on one of claims 3 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

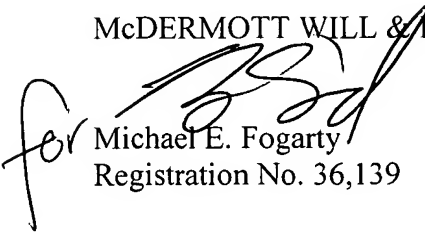
If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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